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**From:** rspiegel@edisonwetlands.org  
**Sent:** Mon 5/15/2017 2:55:24 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting to reorganize Ringwood CAG

Dear Wenke,

As I said before we have already covered all of the item in our conference calls. We will not travel 5 hours and will not be part of a CAG that includes contributing all the financial resources for technical advise and sampling while being keep in the dark.

***If you decide to move forward with this unnecessary meeting anyway and make decisions regardless, the EWA will not be part of the Ringwood CAG and will attend public meetings as needed. Many groups are bending over backwards to get our expertise but asking for a little respect and consideration seems to be to much to ask.***

It is up to the CAG if you want the EWA and our technical Advisors involved in the CAG. If you do don't disrespect us and waste our time as we all have very limited amount and have certainly proved ourselves in the past. I would appreciate it if someone can print these e-mails out and get them to Vivian.

Respectfully,

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----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Meeting to reorganize Ringwood CAG

From: Wenke Taule <wenketaule@[REDACTED]>  
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I can't see a negative in going forward with the reorg. meeting. There are quite a few people who agreed to attend.

**We all know** there are past issues (former CAG members are still upset that the boro is capping O'Conner), but on the conference call they were all aired and it was decided by everyone that the CAG should to continue. In order to go forward, there are questions concerning the make up of CAG that have to be addressed and answered—that's there reason for the meeting on the 18th.

Wenke

On May 11, 2017, at 10:19 PM, Judy Sullivan <judithjoansullivan@gmail.com> wrote

I have to agree with Bob and his company colleagues...

This is a whole lot of nonsense and fiddling with icing on a cake that has spoiled rotten underneath.

In my view, the EPA should be paying folks like Bob and his technical advisor for their work, and tribal leadership who can't afford to continue to sacrifice time like this.


It looks nice enough, everyone getting together to have a meeting, to discuss having another meeting, so the EPA can check their boxes on community involvement, meanwhile the ship is sailing out of port. And, all we have done is....have another meeting!

We do not even have final reports from Ms. Talbot's group, and the proposed first meeting is a week away!

I made a FOIA request for the contracts the EPA has with Univ. of Virginia and the EPA's proposed technical expert, but I was not given the right contracts. FYI.

And, yes, the EPA continues to ignore my standing request for assistance with completing the grant application for the CAG to hire or pay for Edison Wetlands technical advisor(s).

Judy Sullivan

On Thu, May 11, 2017 at 5:48 PM, Wenke Taule <[wenketaule@](mailto:wenketaule@) wrote:

Bob,

I understand—we can go over the issues on the list that Pat put together at the Reorg. meeting on the 18th (I think most members can attend) and then schedule a date, time and place for the first actual CAG meeting. We can shoot for the May 25, but as I mentioned Vivian thought it was too close to Memorial Day Week-end. What other dates would work for you and Shannon?

Wenke

On May 11, 2017, at 4:29 PM, [rspiegel@edisonwetlands.org](mailto:rspiegel@edisonwetlands.org) wrote:

**Dear Ms. Seppi and CAG Members,**

**I have been busy in federal court all week suing polluters and have relied on Shannon Lisa to monitor the CAG meeting emails. Unfortunately, the USEPA left her off the original May 4th e-mail chain. Let me be as clear as I can about this so there is no confusion I am not coming up for a CAG meeting unless we have a CAG meeting.**

**All the draft agenda items Pat Seppi were discussed on our**

conference call with Judy Talbot. Shannon and I have to drive more than 5 hours to come up to Ringwood and return and our technical advisor has to come further. We are coming up to Ringwood for the purpose of having a Community Advisory Group meeting with our technical advisor to review the important groundwater data and answer questions, not discuss things that have already been discussed. If some clarification of those items needs to be addressed it can be done at the beginning but I am not wasting a single minute on this agenda proposed.

If the community is serious about wanting our assistance finalize a date with Shannon Lisa and we will attend with our technical advisor. If not there are many other communities that want our assistance and we have a long list of polluters that need suing as well.

Respectfully,

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----- Original Message -----

Subject: Meeting to reorganize Ringwood CAG

From: "Seppi, Pat" <[Seppi.Pat@epa.gov](mailto:Seppi.Pat@epa.gov)>

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**Hello All,**

**I wanted to confirm that our CAG re-org meeting is definitely on for Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd. As I mentioned in my email from last week, this meeting is only to work on getting the CAG back up and running. Please take a look at the questions I had included in the previous email. Those and others that will come up will need to be discussed by all of you as we move forward. I have heard from some of you and I'm glad you can attend – hopefully we'll have a good turnout. Have a good weekend and don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.**

**Thanks  
Pat**

**From:** Seppi, Pat  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2017 9:09 AM  
**Subject:** Meeting to reorganize Ringwood CAG

Good Morning,  
In our ongoing effort to reorganize the CAG, we have set up a meeting for Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Church of the Good Shepherd at 7pm. Connie, thanks for your help! This meeting will only be to work out moving forward, we don't expect to report out on any other issues at this time. If the CAG decides to call a future meeting, that is certainly their option and EPA will do its best to be available to answer any questions.

I'm hoping that everyone on this email will be able to attend. EPA can assist in some of the reorg, but there are many unanswered questions to take into consideration, such as

1. Do you want to solicit other members? How?
2. Should the Borough relinquish their seat on the CAG and become a liaison?
3. Do you need to refresh/redesign the existing policies and procedures for CAG members?
4. How often should meetings be held?
5. Do you need a facilitator – neutral or someone on the CAG?
6. Do you want to continue to work with the TASC program?

...and other questions that will arise.

If you can't attend, we can set up a call-in number. I know everyone is busy, but we really need to get together so we can move forward. As the date gets closer, I will send out a more detailed agenda of the issues we need to address.

Thanks to all of you for your persistence and dedication to make this a viable group once again. Joe and I look forward to working with all of you!

Pat